

# Look out for these invasive non-native species



## Himalayan Balsam

*Impatiens glandulifera*

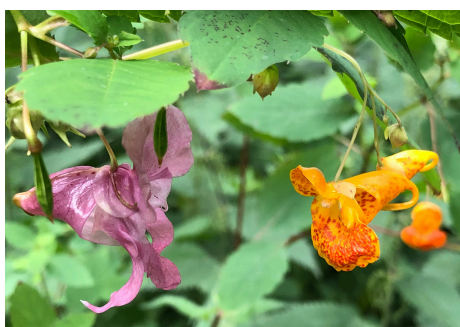
**Leaves:** Pointed oval with toothed edges

**Flowers:** Jul-Oct | Large slipper shaped flowers with broad petals at the opening

**Growth Pattern:** Grows in dense clusters up to 2.5 metres tall

**Habitat:** Found in many habitats, mostly along ditches & river banks

**Other Features:** The flowers are followed by exploding seed pods which can project the seeds up to 4 metres. The stems are fleshy & hollow, which become red/purple in the summer.



## Orange Balsam

*Impatiens capensis*

Very similar to Himalayan Balsam but has orange flowers



## Japanese Knotweed

*Fallopia japonica*

**Leaves:** Lush green with smooth edges

**Flowers:** Sep-Oct | Small, white, and borne in clusters on vertical branches

**Growth Pattern:** Bamboo-like with regular nodes on the stem. Grows in dense stands up to 2m tall

**Habitat:** Likes wet areas but can grow in most habitats

**Other Features:** The red-pink zig-zag stems are a characteristic feature of Japanese Knotweed. The mature canes are flecked with purple. Eradication is required by law, treatment by stem injection from a specialist contractor.



## Giant Hogweed

*Heracleum mantegazzianum*

**Leaves:** Very large, deeply lobed and toothed

**Flowers:** Jun-Jul | Large flat umbels which can be up to 60cm across.

**Growth Pattern:** Grows very tall (up to 3.5 metres), generally with a single tall, flowering, spiny purple-flecked stem

**Habitat:** Found in a variety of habitats, however is common along riverbanks where the river has distributed its seeds

**Other Features:** The nodes where the leaves join the stem is ringed with coarse bristles. Very similar to common hogweed but much larger. **Warning:** can cause severe skin burns.



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